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Providing Tunnel Connections Between Entities in a Messaging

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## RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION OF FEBRUARY 16, 2006

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Action of February 16, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.

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